

I. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1. (currently amended) A method for the treatment of dry eye resulting from injury to corneal nerves, said method comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising at least one compound that promotes neuron regeneration or neurite outgrowth, wherein said compound is selected from the group consisting of propentofylline, AIT-082 (neotrofin), idebenone, ONO-2506, CB-1093, NS521 (1-(1-butyl)-4-(2-oxo-1-benzimidazole) piperidine, eliprodil, SR57746A (xaliproden hydrochloride) or pharmaceutically acceptable analogs thereof.

Claim 2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the injury to corneal nerves results from surgery.

Claim 3. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein the surgery is LASIK surgery.

Claim 4. (cancelled)

Claim 5. (currently amended) The method of claim 4~~1~~, wherein the compound is AIT-082.

Claim 6. (currently amended) The method of claim 4~~1~~, wherein the compound is eliprodil.

Claims 7-18 (withdrawn)